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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE-REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER 1600  
PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

Wezel et al.

**Serial No.:** 09/749,185

**Filed:** December 26, 2000

**For:** REDUCING BRANCHING AND  
ENHANCING FRAGMENTATION IN  
CULTURING FILAMENTOUS  
MICROORGANISMS

**Confirmation No.:** 6157

**Examiner:** M. Rao

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**SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of December 8, 2004, and supplemental to the  
amendment filed April 8, 2005, please amend the referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 5.